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In re Application of: : K. Katcheves  
LALANNE et al :  
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Filed: June 1, 2001 :  
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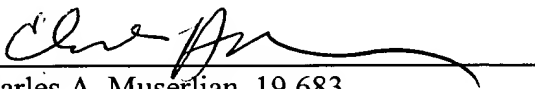
**LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:


Responsive to the office action of November 30, 2004, Applicants are submitting herewith a corrected amendment to replace the one filed on September 1, 2004. A prompt examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the office action of June 2, 2004, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.